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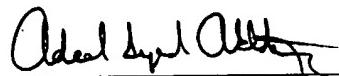
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

The present paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on November 5, 2002, setting a three-month term for reply. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments below and consideration of the subsequent remarks.

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 20-58 in accordance with an earlier election of species.

Remarks

Claim 1- 58 are pending in the present application. Claims 2-5 have been withdrawn from consideration and Claims 20-58 are cancelled herein. Claims 1 and 6-19 are currently under consideration and stand rejected on a variety of grounds.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Sherman (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0031618). The Examiner generally refers to pages 1-9 of Sherman and indicates that it teaches the present claims.

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